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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR DATA MANAGEMENT

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 are all the claims pending in the application.

1. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 4, 7 and 19-33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,697,090 to Nagasaka *et al.* ("Nagasaka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,666,215 to Fredlund *et al.* ("Fredlund"). For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites a data management method that comprises "registering the data with the data management unit by carrying out a drag-and-drop operation for the data onto the icon; and